



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2nd, 2006

Faith Sharing

Readings and Questions

Mark 11: 1-10 Isaiah 50: 4-7 Philippians
2: 6-11 Mark 14: 1-15: 47

Theme: *Jesus dies for us.*

Question for Adults: What part of the Passion story most touches your life this year?

Question for Children: Name one thing that you will do this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you.

Mon., April 3rd, 2006

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13: 41c-62 Jn 8:1-11

No Mass - Staff at Pastoral Ministry Days

6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. - Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Church in Spearfish

Tues., April 4th, 2006

Num 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

No Mass - Staff at Pastoral Ministry Days

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Wed., April 5th, 2006

Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42

Food Pantry - 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

5:45 a.m. Daily Mass

Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused

6:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Meal

7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Classes

Thu. April 6th, 2006

Gen 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59

8:00 a.m. - Daily Mass

Intention: Birthday of Grace Weaver

6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Potluck

7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus meeting

7:00 -8:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

Fri., April 7th, 2006

Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42

No Mass

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Sat., April 8th, 2006

Daily Readings

Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

At the Procession with Palms

Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

9:00 a.m. - Noon - Food Pantry

9:00 a.m. - Women's Group

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: For the VonEye family

Ministry Schedule:

Bread Baker: Betsy Van Asma: all three masses

Altar Servers: Cody & Courtney Cassen, Alex Kuehler*

Blood: John Wang, Eileen Desmond, Jan Schurman, Jerry Silbernagel

Body: Charlie Desmond

Lector: Cathy Wang & Doris Hume

Sacristan: Erik & Estela Haakedahl

Usher: Ken & Becky Wentz

Choir: Folk Group

6:30 p.m. - Baptism

Sun., April 9th, 2006

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At the Procession with Palms

Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Repose of Margaret Turnis

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Kristina & Lexie

Hammerquist, Kerry Wilson*

Blood: Bob Sass, Judy Wilson, Ken Van Asma, Pat Suiter

Body: Larry Williamson

Lector: Kathy Van Asma & Jay

Hammerquist

Sacristan: Ken & Kathy Van Asma

Usher: George & Nancy Nadzadi

Choir: Regina's Minstrels

9:00 a.m. - Coffee & Rolls

9:15 a.m. - Youth Formation Classes

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist

Intention: Parish Community

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Mary Pulaski*, Ryan Reers, Tyler Corbine

Blood: Pat Schubauer, Curt Lauinger, Jim & Barb Scherr

Body: Doug Nickles

Lector: Jim Pulaski & Carrie Baker

Sacristan: Cary & Doug Nickles

Usher: The Inman Family

Choir: Family Choir

7:00 p.m. - Adoration

6:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class

SPARKS FROM MARK

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, our Coordinator of Liturgy, Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek, will be taking on additional responsibilities in her new assignment as Director of Music Ministry/Liturgy Coordinator. Some of these include monthly rehearsal sessions for music ministers, the formation and weekly rehearsals of a part-singing choir, the training of new cantors and music ministers, the training of youth ministry for liturgical functions, the continued recruitment and development of liturgical musicians (both instrumental and vocal), and the ongoing communication with the



congregation about music in Catholic worship. Keep your eye on the bulletin for upcoming opportunities for music ministry education and participation. OLBH is excited to utilize Lorraine's years of experience, knowledge and education in music and liturgy.

-Fr. Mark

Prayer Corner: Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.

Improved Health - Joe Creek, Harold Snow, Fern Bucholz, Ray Hume, Justin Judy

Repose - John Paul Kleinsasser, Dwight Morell,



STEWARDSHIP

March 25th & 26th General Collections

Loose	\$1,466.60
Envelopes	\$3,099.00
Votive	\$3.00
Student	\$100.46
Building	\$565.00
Other	<u>\$166.00</u>
Total	\$5,400.06

Renovation Pledges

May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007

Total Pledged - \$141,112.01

Total received - \$82,075.35

Catholic Social Services sincerely thanks all those who donated to the Ash Wednesday collection taken on our behalf. Once again we are awed by the generosity of the parishioners in this diocese, and sincerely grateful for your giving hearts. May God bless you all.

Women's Encounter

Saturday April 8th, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Joni Osnes - Hospice. Perfect time to become informed about this worthwhile agency. All women invited.

Bring a friend. For more information, call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218

Annual Chrism Mass to be celebrated

Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. St.

Joseph Church, Spearfish

The holy chrism, the oil of the sick and the oil of the catechumens are blessed during the Chrism Mass. These oils are used throughout the year to anoint those receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick. The holy chrism also used to consecrate the hands of the priests and the head of the bishop and the altars and walls of the churches in the diocese. The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation hosts a reception after Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Attention all Music Ministers

Rehearsal for music ministry for Holy Week will be April 8th. Time to be announced. You will be contacted By Lorraine at 716-9239

Knights of Columbus

February Knight of the Month – Fr. Mark McCormick

February Family of the Month – George and Dee Miller

The Knights and their families will be holding a Potluck on April 6, 2006 From 6:30 until 7:30 PM anyone that is interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus please bring your favorite dish and your family. The General Meeting will follow the potluck.

Bring your baskets! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for kid's ages 0-15 Easter Morning. The time will be set at a later date. We are accepting donations of candy and/or plastic Easter eggs. Contact John Wang 718-8913 warden@kofc7079.org or any Brother Knight.

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, Maryann Tully. She has 41 years of experience as a nurse dealing with confidential matters. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Phone has caller ID and messaging features the diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Meade Co. School Notice The Meade School Board is hosting three meetings to inform the public about its proposed building projects for Sturgis Elementary, Piedmont and the rural areas of Enning and Union Center. Public input from district residents will also be taken at the meetings, which are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 18: 7:30 p.m.
Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center

- Monday, April 24: 7 p.m.
Piedmont School Gym

For further information, call 347-2523.

Youth News

Region VIII Leadership Camp--June

26-30, 2006, University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. The Center for Ministry Development will be presenting YOUTHLEADER – a 5 day leadership training program. This is an excellent opportunity to train youth for leadership positions within the parish. For more information or a brochure please call Susan at 343-3541 or visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org or visit www.cmdnet.org

Music Ministry Alive! For musically gifted students entering 10th, 11th, 12th or the first two years of college. July 25-30; College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN. MMA! Is an outstanding program designed specifically to prepare young people to serve in liturgical music ministry within the parish. Presenters this year are David Haas, Fr. Michael Joncas, Steve Angrisano, Tony Alonso and many more. For an application packet or more information please contact mmasong@aol.com or Susan at 343-3541. Deadline to apply is May 5

TEC—Teens Encounter Christ is 3 days of evangelization and initiation into the Paschal Mystery. TEC is an opportunity for a special time in a young person's life. At TEC a young person can experience that he/she need not be all alone at the in-between time of moving into adult life. In the three day weekend of TEC a young person (ages 16-21) can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. The weekend is being held in McIntosh SD on June 2-4. For more information or a registration form please contact: Gloria Maher at 701-522-3244 or Susan at 343-3541

Diocesan News:

Hesburgh Lecture Series

Learning to Act Justly: What our youth learn in our Community. Sponsored by Rapid City Catholic School System. Tuesday, April 25, 2006. 7:30 p.m. St Thomas more High School Gym. Free Admission ~ Public Welcome.

Bishop's Talk The last of a series of three talks on adult spirituality will be presented by Bishop Blase Cupich on Wednesday, April 5. The topic will be "Appreciating the Connection between Personal, Private Prayer and the Public Prayer of the Community." The talk will

be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish center at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. The Blessed Sacrament Salt and Light ministry serves a meal every Wednesday from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the main hall of the parish center. The suggested donation is \$2.00 per person. All are welcome to share a meal and enjoy some fellowship before the talk.

St. Martin Retreat April 7th – 9th we will offer activities and prayer to deepen our joy in our spiritual journey as we travel in Gods love. Located in Community meeting room. Cost is \$60.00, this covers meals& refreshments. Let Sr. Marmion know if you plan to stay overnight this will be an extra charge. Registration will be 6:30p.m. Friday. Retreat ends Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m. For further information call 343-2688

An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** for engaged or newly married couples will be held **April 28th - 30th** at St. Martin's Community Center near Rapid City. The weekend is designed to give couples an opportunity to examine their future lives together, to focus on each other, and to look at their relationship to God, the Church, and the world. For further information, contact Greg & Connie Forstner, 605-341-3541. To register, call Chet & Jennifer Murray at 605-721-8864.

Christian Family Planning Seminar, a requirement for engaged couples married in the Diocese of Rapid City, will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on **Saturday, April 22nd, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Sacred Heart Parish in Philip, SD.** The seminar is also an enriching learning experience for married couples or anyone wanting to know more about Natural Family Planning and the Church's teachings. For more information, and to register for this seminar, call Family Life Ministries at 605-343-3541.

"Direction for our Times" is a lay apostle's prayer group that meets on the first Thursday of the month. This month's meeting will be on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please join us. For more information, please contact Joan Stahnke 341-3408.

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First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich will be held on April 7. Mass begins at 11:15 in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. The bishop will speak on a current topic of interest and answer questions at the luncheon after Mass. The \$5 charge for the lunch benefits Rapid City Catholic schools.

West River Catholic Reader Survey Readers still have an opportunity to share their views on the *West River Catholic* with the newspaper staff. A reader survey was printed on the back page of the March edition. Those who return a completed survey by April 10 are eligible to win a prize.

MAYFEST WEEKEND MAY 5TH AND 6TH

Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, May 5th at St. Thomas More High School. An oral auction will feature classroom projects by students. The VIP Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, May 6th at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Proceeds from the annual Mayfest auctions benefit Rapid City Catholic schools. For more information, contact Stacey Sharp, Mayfest director, at 721-1251.

STM Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday April 21 at 5-7 PM with a \$5 early bird sale on Saturday morning April 22 from 7 AM- 1PM. Donations are also being accepted. Please call Elaine at 343-8484.

Faithful Citizenship Here politics and faith meet. Faith by its specific nature is an encounter with the living God - an encounter opening up new horizons extending beyond the sphere of reason. But it is also a purifying force for reason itself. From God's standpoint, faith liberates reason from its blind spots and therefore helps it to be ever more fully itself. Faith enables reason to do its work more effectively and to see its proper object more clearly.

God is Love, Deus Caritas Est Encyclical Letter of Benedict XVI, 28a.
www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/index_en.htm (from the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

Charlotte Verhey – Coordinator of Faith Formation

My name is Charlotte Verhey and I have been blessed to live my life here in the Black Hills. My husband is Corry Verhey and we have three children, two grown daughters (Amanda and Elizabeth) and a ninth grade son, David. Teaching is my profession, having

earned a Master's degree from BHSU. I have been involved in various church services for many years, and earned a master's degree in Pastoral Ministries from Mount Marty College. As a Director of Religious Education previously, I am looking forward to this new experience and the opportunities it will provide in serving this parish through the Faith Formation Ministry. You have a wealth of treasures here at Our Lady of the Black Hills, and I am excited to explore them with you as together we travel our faith journeys! I feel privileged to be a part of your faith family and will enjoy meeting and getting to know you!

Becky Johnson – Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Hi, I am very excited to start my journey with Our Lady of the Black Hills. I was born in Billings Montana and graduated from Jeffrey City High School in Wyoming. My husband, Aaron and I were married in June of 1991. We have been blessed with two daughters, Mikayla and Amanda. We have lived in South Dakota since December of 1998. In the past I have been a waitress, owned and operated a motel, and most recently I owned my own daycare. I also coach basketball and volleyball. I have also been a Girl Scout leader for four years. I love to camp, fish, and play sports. I also love to watch football, especially the Dallas Cowboys. I enjoy going back to visit our families in Montana. I am really looking forward to this new journey!

Jim Wranek – Custodian Jim Wranek was born in 1947 at Burke, SD. He was brought up on a farm south of Colome, SD with his three brothers. He attended Colome High School and during that time he joined the South Dakota Army National Guard. After high school, he attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield, SD, where he received a BA degree in elementary education. Upon graduating from College, he stayed in Springfield, SD and taught grade school for 10 years at which time he coached both boys and girls basketball. In 1979 he took a full time position with the SD National Guard. He worked for the national guard in Chamberlain, SD, Vermillion, SD, Wagner SD and then in Rapid City, SD. He retired from that the South Dakota National Guard position in January 2006.

He is married to Mary and now lives in Summerset. He has three grown daughters and eight grandchildren. Our oldest daughter (Tina) and family live in

Chaska, MN, the middle daughter (Cindy) and family lives in Hayti, SD and our youngest daughter (Jacque) and family lives at Summerset and attend church here.

I am member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, American Legion, and the national Guard Enlisted Association.

My Favorite pass time activities are hunting, fishing, attending Twins and Vikings games, and taking in car races. His overall favorite pastime is visiting with people.

He is very excited to work with the church and have the opportunity to be an active part of Our Lady of the Black Hills

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh
Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2006

Scriptures

- I will put my spirit in you that you may live (Ezekiel 37:14a)
- More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. (Psalm 130:6b,5a)
- But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive (Romans 6:10)
- Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." (John 11:43,4)

Reflection

- How does faith in Jesus change your life?
- Have you ever had a life giving experience? What was the cause and result?
- How do you experience the daily presence of Jesus in your life?

For the Word of God became a human being that we may become God; and he manifested himself in a body, that we might gain an idea of the invisible Father; and he endured insolence from men, that we might inherit immortality. (Athanasius)¹

¹ *The Wisdom of the Greek Fathers*, Compiled by Andrew Louth, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2000, p.26.